



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Trinity 11

OPENING HYMN *John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)*

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him; the Lord is his name.**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear**

We are gathered together as one body

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Before the children leave for Children's Church we pray together....

Dear God, this church is a family.

**Help us to learn together, to worship together,
to share together and to pray together.**

In Jesus name. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Lord our God,

in our sin we have avoided your call.

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.**

Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;

bind up our wounds and revive us;

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you † pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

GLORIA *George Salazar© 1993 OCP Publications*

Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.

**Glory to God in the heights of the heavens,
peace to God's people, all people on earth.**

Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.

Son of the Father, all glory and worship;

praise and thanksgiving to you. Lamb of God

Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, receive our prayer.
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
reigning in glory for ever. Amen
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*After each reading ...*This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 12. 1-8, 15-16

GRADUAL HYMN *Sebastian Temple © 1967 OCP Publications.*

**1. All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.**

**2. All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.**

THE GOSPEL – Luke 14.1, 7-14
We sing....**alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you O God

After the reading... This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED *Please stand if you are able*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers we say together: **Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.***

THE PEACE. *Please stand if you are able*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

**Thanks be to God whose love has gathered us this day;
thanks be to God who helps and guides us on our way.
Thanks be to God who gives us voice that we may thank him:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

**Thanks be to God for all the gifts of life and light;
thanks be to God whose care protects us day and night.
Thanks be to God who keeps in mind us who forget him:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

**Thanks be to God who knows our secret joys and fears;
thanks be to God who when we call him always hears.
Thanks be to God our rock and strength ever sustaining:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high***

**Thanks be to God who never turns his face away;
thanks be to God who heals and pardons all who stray.
Thanks be to God who welcomes us into his kingdom:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

**Thanks be to God who made our world and all we see;
thanks be to God who gave his Son to set us free.
Thanks be to God whose Spirit brings warmth and rejoicing:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

Blessed are you....

(Response) **Blessed be God forever**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise

The president prays the preface then invites us to join with the whole company of heaven to sing....

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. *New People's Mass, A Gregory Murray © 1975, 1987 McCrimmon*

The president recalls the last supper

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The president continues to praise God for his mighty acts. At the end we say...Amen.

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. AMEN**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

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Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion. Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing

COMMUNION HYMN: *Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*

**1. Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let they glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.**

**3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.**

**4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling,
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our
communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise
and glory. Amen**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts.; and the blessing ...
Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

CLOSING HYMN *Traditional*

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Keep me praising till the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!***

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
give me peace in my heart I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Keep me resting till the end of day.**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving 'till the end of day.**

**Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning 'till the end of day**

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

The Parish: *Admiral Road, Allcot Close, Andromeda Close and Arcturus Road, Almond Close and Avon Walk*

Prayers for: *Alistair and Marcia, Sophie Baker, Eslin, Douglas, Linda Ballard, Peter Hill, Kerry, Rose, Julie, Liam, Cruse, Jayne, Freddie, John, Robert, Janette, Seamus, Stan and Rose, Roger Gibson, David, Brian, Mary Louise, Bridgette, Jack, Margaret Hanson, Jamie, Stephen Rich, Michael and Betty Atkinson*

The Departed:

Year's Mind: *Ronald Cobbett, Keith Carpenter, Cyril Smithers and Michael Platt*

Church Flowers Donation List. Any person who would like to donate towards the cost of church flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or birthday, please put the relevant details on the list provided at the back of the church. Please give your donation to Sue Richardson (Treasurer) or Revd. Ann in a Flower Donation envelope.

Computer Group. Why not come along to our friendly computer group in the Church Hall - Tuesdays from 10 am, Wednesdays from 10.30 am.

House Group. The Friday house group that meets in St Alban's will break for the summer on 19th July and start again on September 6th.

Giving by credit/debit card. St Alban's has a card read for donations and giving. If you would prefer to use your credit/debit card rather than use cash to give to the church please feel free to make use of this after the service or during the collections. It will be available every week at the end of Sunday services and at all fund raising events.

Shoebox Time - Link To Hope. August is a good time to get your shoebox itself and look around for cheaper items in sales etc to put in them. We can choose to do a Family box or one for the elderly. Small toys e.g. cars, ball skipping rope small doll, hair items, stationery, and toiletries. For the elderly as well as stationery, and toiletries, perhaps a torch, and reading glasses. Leaflets will be coming soon with all the details. Boxes are taken to the warehouse in Worthing by the end of October. Last year 40,000 were sent out to Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine. They were very much appreciated so good hunting this holiday period. Thank you Merle.

Up-coming Fun & Fund-raising events: September date tbc Christmas craft and card making evening.

The PCC would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers their time and gifts to the church by holding a **Summer Thank You Party**, This is also for anyone who would like to join our rotas. It will be at **6 pm – 8 pm** (early enough so that families can come along) on **2nd September**. Please put this date in your diary and come and join the fun.

Alpha at St Alban's will take place on Monday evenings beginning on 7th October. There will be more information and sign-up sheets appearing soon. We need some helpers to help serve the meal. If you would like to volunteer to help please let Ann know.

SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S

Everyone is very welcome

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sung Eucharist 9:30am weekly

'Out of the Box' family worship on 2nd Sunday of each month 11.15 to 12 noon

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Said Eucharist (Thursday 9:30am) Followed by Community Morning 10am-12pm

Morning Prayer 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Saturday Prayers 9am on the 2nd Saturday of every month

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Our Prayer for Vision & Leadership

Lord, we come before you with grateful hearts for the tremendous talent within our church.

We are a body filled with gifts yet we sometimes lose sight of why we were so richly blessed in the first place.

Forgive us when we fail to heed Your calling in our lives, or as a community.

Despite our forgetful nature, we know you love us dearly and want us to partner with you:

not as servants, but as your children.

Bring us a renewed vision of ourselves from your perspective.

Help us to embrace your love so that we may share it with others.

Guide us as we look to the future of this Parish of Gossops Green and Bewbush.

Grant us a renewed vision as we seek you in your word.

Give us dreams that make us come alive because we are doing what you created us to do.

Let our joy overflow from the vision of the future you give us.

Let us honour you with our work, with our families and with our lives. *Amen*